

## 'The Case of the Mafia — U. S. A.'

### PUBLIC GETTING GOOD DOSE OF 'BRAINWASHING'

By A. ALFRED MARCELLO

On page two of this issue we present a 'bill of particulars' in the case of "The Mafia—U. S. A."

This bill of particulars charges a certain segment in this country with the gross crime of "brainwashing" the American public to the point where a great many persons however their roots are beginning to accept pure, unadulterated fiction as "fact."

This situation, in our humble opinion, has created one of the greatest challenges ever to face men and women of Italian origin in this country.

Posterity will either record that we met this challenge with courage and conviction or that we failed because we could not face up to our problems realistically.

What we have to say here and on page two has been given a great deal of thought. It is not something we have done on the spur of the moment.

Much research and soul-searching went into the preparation of our case.

And we know that what we are doing is a calculated risk. But we believe in our cause and we are ready to take that risk. We believe in our cause because we know from long experience as a newspaperman that we constantly have with us a vast number of gullible persons who are always ready to accept what it wants to believe.

And the public in this particular instance has been so thoroughly "brainwashed" that a great deal must be done to undo the damage to our characters and our precious heritage as Italians.

Before our readers can evaluate properly what we have to say on page two we ask them to consider a few facts which we believe are part and parcel of our dilemma.

If our readers do not accept these facts in this case of "The Mafia—U. S. A.," and take a realistic viewpoint of this whole business, then we are sunk before we even get started.

First of all they must accept the fact that the word Mafia has become part of the American vocabulary. The word is to be found in a number of American dictionaries.

One dictionary — Thorndike-Barnhart—defines the word Mafia, and we quote: "A Secret Society of Criminals. (Ital.)"

The Ital. in brackets obviously mean "Italians" and not "Italics."

Webster's unabridged dictionary defines the word Mafia, and again we quote:

"Of uncertain origin. In Sicily, the popular sentiment of the law leading to refusal to bear witness in case of crime, and hence to frequent violent crimes against persons, as officers who incurred popular displeasure . . . In the course of time became a secret society of loose but widespread organization."

Webster's New World Dictionary of the American Language has this to say about the word Mafia:

"1. In Sicily, a popular hostility to law and government. 2. (M-), an alleged secret society of Sicilians or Italians in the United States and other countries, for purposes of vengeance, reprisal, and blackmail: Black Hand."

Webster Secondary-School Dictionary defines Mafia as:

"1. In Sicily, the popular sentiment of hostility to the law, or those imbued with this sentiment. 2. A supposed organization of Sicilians or Italians in foreign countries, formed for perpetrating unlawful acts, as murder and blackmail."

And Funk & Wagnalls Desk Standard Dictionary gives the definition of Mafia as:

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ARCHBISHOP VAGNOZZI  
To Be Honored By Order

### Washington Dinner For Papal Aide

The Order Sons of Italy in America will be the first national organization to honor Archbishop Egidio Vagnozzi, the apostolic delegate to the United States.

Archbishop Vagnozzi will be honored by the Supreme Lodge on Saturday, October 31, at a national dinner to be held in Washington, D. C.

Supreme Venerable Joseph Gorrasi, Woburn, Mass., has named Supreme Recording Secretary Joseph A. L. Errigo, Wilmington, Del., as general chairman.

The Rt. Rev. Msgr. Guido L. Pallotta, Revere, Mass., Supreme Chaplain, has been appointed honorary general chairman.

A national committee will be appointed by Supreme Venerable Gorrasi and a meeting of that group will be held with members of Roma Lodge in Washington, in the near future.

Once again Supreme Venerable Gorrasi urges members of the Order, particularly those members residing within a 150-mile radius of Washington, to participate in the forthcoming banquet.

Gorrasi said: "We have six Grand Lodges which, geographically, come within the 150-mile radius of Washington . . . Virginia, Delaware, Maryland, West Virginia, New Jersey and Pennsylvania."

"We urge the members in those states in particular, and others from a greater distance, to attend this national dinner in honor of the Vatican's new apostolic delegate to the United States."

"The success of any Supreme Lodge function is measured by the number of members who attend as representatives of their respective Grand Lodge."

## BOSTON SUPREME CONVENTION

### Sees Members' Participation As Important

By ALBERT A. MAINO

The 26th biennial Supreme Lodge Convention is drawing near.

Less than two months from now delegates from 21 Grand Lodges within the United States and Canada will assemble in Boston at the Sheraton-Plaza Hotel, August 20 - 24, to chart the Order's course for another two years.

The Order has come a long way since its early Supreme Conventions when delegates attending were small in number.

With the growth of the Order down through its 54 - year history, the number of delegates added to the convention roster has been on the increase.

This increase in membership and the increase in the number of delegates have helped to make recent Supreme Lodge Conventions lively and colorful . . . almost to a point of a truly national convention.

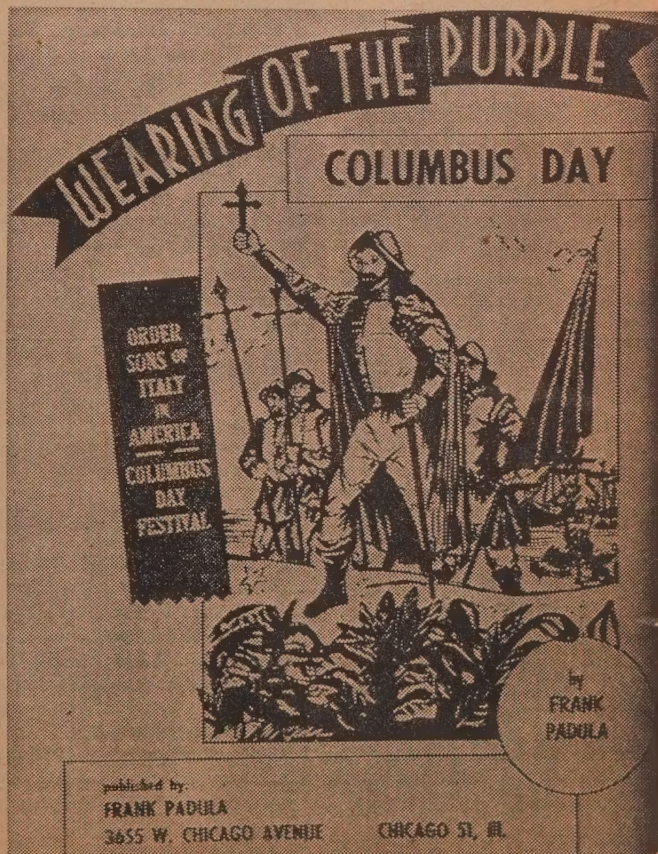
But there is one ingredient that has been lacking—the crowd that sits on the sidelines to spur their delegates and Supreme Lodge officers on to greater accomplishments.

Delegates Represent You  
The delegates seated in convention are there to voice your thoughts and your ideas concerning the welfare of the Order and its projects.

As you well know, YOU are the Order Sons of Italy in America. YOU are the life-blood of this great organization. YOU are responsible for electing your Supreme Delegates to the forthcoming Supreme Convention. Why not plan to be on hand to

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PUBLISHES "WEARING OF THE PURPLE" SONG



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# A Bogey Man and His Myth

By A. ALFRED MARCELLO, DIRECTOR OF OSIA NEWS

Out of the grist that is sometimes referred to as the "American way" has been spawned a monstrous bogey man.

Callow journalism, cheap Hollywood and television melodrama, irresponsible public officials and the muddled imagination of fiction writers has gone into the making of this bogey man.

We believe the time has come for every American to take a good, hard look at this bogey man.

We must somehow puncture the myth that surrounds this bogey man or soon everyone of Italian origin will be wearing the infamous badge of "Mafia."

A year or so ago this problem did not loom large. The storm clouds were gathering then, but there was no indication that the storm would so affect the lives of innocent persons. But the American mind is as curious as it is ingenious. It is quick to cash in on the unusual so a trend, a cycle was born. This cycle appears to be slowly but surely tainting the character and reputation of thousands of law-abiding citizens of Italian origin.

Of more immediate concern, however, is that unless this bogey man, this myth, is destroyed, irreparable damage may be done to many things the Order Sons of Italy in America has long worked for.

## Affect Order's Program

For one thing this trend or cycle could conceivably affect the Order's program to bring about liberalization of the immigration laws of this country.

As we all know there are any number of Congressmen who are always looking for the slightest excuse to justify their opposition to the liberalization of the immigration laws.

And what better excuse for these Congressmen if the bogey man succeeds in tagging every prospective immigrant from Italy with the Mafia brand.

There are those who will say that the Italian people are a sensitive people. Admitting this, is there no end to what we must endure? To paraphrase what a prominent newspaper columnist had to say recently about this bogey man: How much longer are the Italian people to endure the smears, the character assassination of writers and all those concerned with the exploitation of the Mafia bogey man?

## Poses Simple Question

We pose a simple question: Is there another racial group in the United States that is being subjected to such a rash of indiscriminate name-calling? No, there is not. No equivalent term is being used or has been used against any other group in the United States.

These are facts and they can be backed up.

But why the Italian people?

Why must we be the patsy in this game of cops-and-robbers and of headline hunters?

Is it because we are weak and will not fight back?

We are being stigmatized day in and day out. Why this stigma for so many law-abiding citizens? Are there those in our midst who are girding for a witch hunt and will we be the victims?

## Remarkable Restraint

We repeat that it is time for us to take a good, hard look at what is happening around us. We as a group have shown remarkable restraint over the years. But there comes a time when this restraint could be construed as weakness.

And we also repeat what we have said again and again —

## WE ARE FOR LAW AND ORDER: WE NEVER WILL GIVE AID OR COMFORT TO THOSE WHO WILLFULLY VIOLATE THE LAW.

But because there are those among us who are criminals is this a legitimate excuse to tag or place everyone with Italian roots in that category, by the simple expediency of shouting "Mafia"?

The bogey man was first spawned in the headlines of the now famous Apalachin case. This is the case where a number of men with criminal records met in what newspapers described at the time as a "gangland convention." Some enterprising reporter tagged the men as leaders of the Mafia in this country and that tag has persisted.

## More Headlines

Later some of those apprehended in the Apalachin raid were called to testify before the Senator McClellan Committee.

The Mafia made more headlines.

The bogey man was outgrowing his swaddling clothes.

A prime example of one thing begetting the other.

It was inevitable that hungry writers of fiction would seize upon the gimmick of the Mafia. So a cycle, a trend came into being. There have been a rash of television programs, movies, books, etc., etc., all joining in the anvil chorus—THE MAFIA.

We do not condemn all Americans for what has happened. Oddly enough we have some strong support for our position and this support comes from men in high places.

## Atty. Alvin Goldstein

ITEM NO. 1: Alvin H. Goldstein, who, as Assistant District Attorney in New York City, prosecuted Johnny Dio, labor racketeer.

Last year Goldstein was engaged by Gov. Edmund G. Brown of California to make an inquiry in that state, with particular reference to Mafia activity.

Governor Brown was then Attorney General of California and it was in that capacity he engaged the services of Goldstein.

Early in May of this year the results of the Goldstein survey were made public by the California Governor and another bubble was burst.

The Goldstein report showed that there was no Mafia activity in California. This despite efforts of Police Chief William H. Parker of Los Angeles to pin all crime in his city on the Mafia.

In his report Goldstein made it plain that the Mafia had been used by police as a bogey man to get larger appropriations for the Los Angeles police force.

The New York Times edition of Sunday, May 3, reported that Goldstein had come up with the following in his survey:

"The evidence does not support widely publicized assertions that a secret society known as the Mafia is active in

the State of California. The significance of the Mafia on the American scene has never been clearly defined and its existence is yet to be objectively proven.

"Yet the word is bandied about as if there were no questions of such an organization. Many law enforcement officers simply assume the existence of 'Mafia' and use the word as a sword to excite public opinion in the hope that they may obtain increased funds and official sanction for extreme methods of investigation and arrest."

## Westbrook Pegler

ITEM NO. 2: Westbrook Pegler the columnist.

Quite recently Pegler devoted his column FAIR ENOUGH to a thorough discussion of the Apalachin case and its by-products.

Those who follow Pegler know that when he has anything to say he minces no words. His language is blunt and many have felt the stinging rebuke of his words.

Now we quote Pegler:

"What has come over us that we go into sustained hysterics over a self-conjured mystery surrounding a steak fry at Apalachin . . . The term gangster and the evil label 'Mafia' has been tossed at the whole Italian-American community in a way to insinuate that they are pre-disposed to abduction, conspiracy, commercial vice and throat-slitting."

"This is a cops-and-robber fake of callow journalism unsupported by the FBI or any other honest police force. No equivalent term is used against any other 'racial' group in this country."

We thank you Mr. Pegler for putting things into proper focus.

Ours is a voice in the wilderness, but Mr. Pegler's voice will be heard.

## William J. Keating

ITEM NO. 3: William J. Keating, former Assistant District Attorney, and Counsel for the New York Crime Commission.

And here is what Keating had to say on the NBC telecast of August 29, 1958, and has since repeated:

"I have read most of the articles and the books that have been written about the Mafia in the last 15 or 20 years and I have found they have all been based on information supplied by agents of the Federal Narcotics Bureau. These agents have testified in public hearings at Senate investigations and Congressional investigations. They have helped to build up the specter of a Mafia and I think there is a very good reason why they do that."

"The Federal Narcotics Bureau is a poor country cousin of the FBI. They have to go down to Congress year after year for an appropriation . . . The FBI has no trouble getting money from Congress, but the

# FICTION GRIST MILL

Nearly one year ago the National Broadcasting Co., televised a documentary film, "The Paper Saints," which explored the question "Is there a Mafia in the United States?"

Since the NBC broadcast on the night of Aug. 29, 1958 there has been a rash of television shows, movies, books, etc., all concerned with the Mafia and racketeers.

Out of this grist mill has come only one effort of any consequence and that was the NBC film, "The Paper Saint." All others, peddled to the public under the dubious guise of entertainment, have served only one purpose—to arouse racial antipathy.

Briefly here is some of the material spawned by the fiction writer of today.

## ON TELEVISION

"The Untouchables" seen on the Westinghouse Desilu Playhouse early in April. A two-hour program televised in two parts. This was concerned with the Al Capone era. Story of gangsters and hoodlums during the Prohibition days, with a number of scenes introducing the Mafia theme.

## OUT OF HOLLYWOOD

"Al Capone," a movie based on the life of the Chicago gangster. Obviously filmed to cash in on the rash of publicity about the Mafia. Obvious license taken with facts.

## ON THE BOOKSHELVES

The Brotherhood of Evil ;The Mafia," a novel by Frederic Sondern, Jr. A condensed version of this novel appeared in the May issue of the Reader's Digest. Sondern's novel was heralded as "documentary," but readers will find it difficult to separate fact from fiction.

"Shadow of the Mafia," a novel by Louis Malley. This novel reached the book stores early in January of this year and was preceded by an advertising campaign on the sensational side. Typical advertising material went something like this:

"A compelling novel of passion and violence and venality which lays bare the inner workings of a gigantic crime syndicate with its own savage laws and loyalty."

"Al Capone," a novel by John Roeburt and based on the Hollywood film. Not worth the paper it is printed on.

Federal Narcotics Bureau has to justify their existence. They have to show the work they are doing is worthwhile. Now it helps them in getting money from Congress to allow the vision of an international organization, an international criminal syndicate which controls the distribution of narcotics all over the world.

"... No such secret organization (as the Mafia) could exist for very long in this country with the efficient law enforcement we have . . . There isn't any one organization involved in crime, on such a wide basis as the Mafia is supposed to exist, that could last two weeks against our law enforcement."

## Virgil Peterson

ITEM NO. 4 Virgil Peterson, a former FBI agent and Chairman of the Chicago Crime Commission. Peterson had this to say on the same NBC telecast:

"... I question the existence of the Mafia as an organization as it was originally known, as it originally existed in Sicily, going back to the 13th Century."

"... I have never seen any convincing evidence of the existence of the Mafia as an organization which governs organized crime today."

## Frank McGee

ITEM NO. 5: Frank McGee, an NBC reporter, who narrated the documentary film on the Mafia, had this to say at the end of the program:

"And we've come to the conclusion that the Mafia in this country is a foolish and distracting myth . . . We arrived at this conclusion long before being petitioned by organized groups of Americans of Italian descent. We sympathized then and now with their resentment at being stigmatized with the label, Mafia, but their complaints — made before knowing

what we were going to say — have not changed one word of this report."

And now where do we stand and where do we go from here? Well, for the moment let us review the bidding.

When the McClellan Committee was investigating the infiltration of gangsters into the ranks of organized labor the word Mafia was bandied about at these hearings. Because of this there was pressure from some sources that the Order Sons of Italy in America make "strong representations" to the McClellan Committee.

## McClellan Committee

This writer in his dual capacity as Chairman of the Order's National Committee on Public Relations and Director of OSIA NEWS consulted Supreme Venerable Joseph Gorrasi on the

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## Hollywood CAN Do It!

By The Director

Since we believe that objective reporting calls for writing about good things as well as the bad, we are reporting on a television program we ordinarily would have glossed over. This is Playhouse 90, the one and a half hour show which originates out of Hollywood every Thursday night.

Last month Playhouse 90 presented an hour and a half production based on the death of Benito Mussolini. The program came at a time when this writer was knee deep in the writing and editing of material on the Mafia which is carried in this edition of OSIA NEWS.

## Hostile Mood

Obviously our mood at the time was hardly receptive to this type of a program. When we switched on our television set we were in a hostile mood. We were all primed to witness "another one of those Hollywood stinkeroos," to put it mildly.

But to our surprise it all turned out differently than what we had anticipated. Our hostility soon gave over to admiration for a job well done. Considering, of course, the ticklish and controversial subject matter.

The Playhouse 90 production of "The Killers of Mussolini" proved what we said time and time again back in the days when we were reviewing movies and stage productions for a Providence newspaper. And that is when Hollywood really wants to, it can produce top entertainment.

## Some Bad Spots

To be sure "The Killers of Mussolini" had its bad spots. Any production so conceived is bound to. Some theatric license had to be taken by the producers because history has yet to settle just exactly how Mussolini did

die. Under these circumstances the writers had no choice but to write their own "history." So they conjured up the dramatic death scene of Mussolini and his mistress as well as other events. You might want to argue over their approach to these events, but you could not possibly take them to task for being in bad taste.

Ordinarily we take a dim view of Hollywood or fiction writers tampering with history, but in this particular case "history" had to be made for the sake of a story.

The locale of "The Killers of Mussolini" is Northern Italy as Il Duce's armies are collapsing under the onslaught of the Allied armies. Deserted by large segments of his own people, Il Duce attempts to flee to Switzerland. Within 30 miles of the border he is captured by Italian partisans.

## Treasure Disappears

History has it that Mussolini seized some 60 million dollars from the Italian treasury when he fled, but history has never settled where that tidy fortune went after it was seized by Italian partisans.

The Playhouse 90 production has it that Italian Communists took the fortune and channeled it to Moscow. A gimmick admittedly, but who's to argue this point?

There are a few other holes, but they are minor and do not in any way take away from the dramatic impact of this production.

All in all "The Killers of Mussolini" is an excellent example of what can be done with highly controversial material when intelligence is a yardstick for entertainment.

## PUBLIC "BRAINWASHING"

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"A Sicilian Anarchistic Secret."

In recent months the word Mafia has been so bandied about that it is conceivable that something new will be added to the American vocabulary and dictionaries.

By connotation, a further definition could well mean "a character slur, namely to those of Italian descent."

In essence that is the crux of our bill of particulars. Television, Hollywood, fiction writers and shoddy newspaper reporting have all conspired with the events of the past year or so to place us all in a very unfavorable light with our neighbors.

So we are alerting law-abiding citizens everywhere to this sinister attack which is insinuating itself into our daily lives. We must start now to face up to the challenge of these times. And once we start there can be no retreat.

We have another point to make

and this is something else we must accept realistically.

There are those among us who are notorious criminals and we must recognize the fact that these men bearing Italian names are a disgrace to every decent and law-abiding citizen with Italian roots.

We must recognize that these men have dragged our heritage through the shadows of the underworld. And there is no compromise with their ilk. They are a menace to our well being and in no uncertain terms we must show the world that we deplore their criminal acts and that we applaud those law enforcement agencies trying to do an honest job.

This all boils down to being able to take the bitter with the sweet.

We take fierce pride in our accomplishments and this is as it should be.

We know that for every criminal with an Italian name we have scores who have risen to high places in our American way of life. We have illustrious men of Italian origin in the U. S. Senate, in the U. S. House of Representatives, in Governor's mansions in several states and we have men of integrity occupying posts in our judicial system. We have them everywhere reflecting honor and credit on a great race of people.

But with all this we are familiar. We mention it in passing merely to demonstrate that we have much too long hidden our

## Special to OSIA NEWS

WASHINGTON — Two moves on the immigration front may have an important bearing on what Congress will do to liberalize current immigration laws.

The Eisenhower administration favors a change in the existing laws which would allow countries with small, oversubscribed quotas to share in a pooling of unused quotas.

U. S. Sen. John F. Kennedy (D-Mass.) has filed a bill to repeal the system of immigration quotas based on national origin.

President Eisenhower has stressed the need for liberalization of immigration laws, particularly in regard to unused quotas which, he said, "should be divided among those countries united with us in the defense of our common way of life."

Senator Kennedy's bill, sent to the Senate Judiciary Committee, would replace the present national origin system with a first-come, first-served formula with a limit of 250,000 immigrants each year.

Kennedy said the bill "will eliminate discrimination in our immigration laws and restore the principles of equality and humanity."

His proposal would treat each country exactly alike, he said, adding that every applicant would have an equal chance to receive a visa.

The newly introduced bill would allow quota-free immigration of husbands, wives, children, and parents of citizens and permanent residents of the United States.

The 250,000 quota immigrants would be divided into three groups:

1. 150,000 visas each year for brothers, sisters, grandparents, great-grandparents, grandchildren, great-grandchildren, aunts, uncles, nieces, and nephews of citizens and permanent resident aliens.

2. 50,000 visas each year to persons of special skills and qualifications needed by America.

3. 50,000 visas a year for "new seed" immigrants.

To provide for diversification, no nation could have more than 10 per cent of the visas available in any one of the three groups, and the total to any one nation is further limited to a twentieth of one per cent of its population.

light under a bushel. It is not enough for us to know these things; these are the things for us to broadcast to the world and not among ourselves.

We accomplish nothing when we talk about our good deeds, our contributions to the world in practically every strata. We do nothing except perhaps to salve wounded feelings and inflate our egos.

We must display our light of accomplishments for everyone to see. If we do this then we will do much to put an end to the "brainwashing" that has conceived and nurtured a sinister bogey man.

This is just the beginning for all of us. Let us make the most of the opportunity that lies ahead.

We know that some of the things we have said here are not going to rest easy with some people; but there are times when certain things must be said no matter how much our pride is hurt.

This is but one facet of our attack. In our next issue we will present more facts in a "second bill of particulars."

## Australian Bishops' Warning

## Immigration Too Restrictive

SYDNEY — A warning note on the pitfalls of restrictive immigration was sounded in a statement read in Catholic churches throughout Australia.

The statement warned that excessive restrictions on immigration may not only be "incompatible with the natural law," but "inimical also to the international solidarity and to the very prosperity itself of immigration countries."

Issued by the Federal Catholic Immigration Committee for Immigration Sunday, an annual observance, the statement was signed by two archbishops and four bishops belonging to the committee.

The right of immigration is not established by a state or by a community of countries, it said, but is a natural heritage of man that "must be recognized, protected and promoted" by civil authorities.

The statement noted, however, that "human rights are not absolute, but must be governed by natural moral law, and especially by the law of the common good."

Hence, it explained, "countries may justly control immigration to safeguard public order, economic welfare and security."

## Decisive Importance

The statement stressed that "what is of decisive importance in such control is their nature and extent."

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disclosures of the McClellan Committee.

After exploring the situation fully the position of the Order was defined by Supreme Venerable Gorrasi. This position was (1) That the Order would not be pushed or stampeded into rash action and (2) that the Order's position would be untenable if representations were made to the McClellan Committee when that Committee, as a semi-judicial body, was exposing a vicious condition in American life and putting the spotlight on the evils that flow from the conduct of individuals engaged in lawless activities.

At the time it was the considered judgment of the Supreme Venerable and others that the Order "has no case in the McClellan Committee disclosures."

## Gorrasi Statement

Supreme Venerable Gorrasi said at the time: "The Order will not be used directly or indirectly to give aid or comfort to those who insist on living outside of the law."

Obviously the situation is much different today than it was a year or so ago. What we have to say now does not mean we have had a change of heart. Our position is the same as it was a year ago. We are still for law and order; we are still interested in the welfare of all those law-abiding citizens with Italian backgrounds.

Pleading for a lessening of immigration restrictions, the statement described the present plight of millions "a fearful indictment of the practice of social justice."

It said that by a restatement of true principles, it aims to ensure "serious consideration of the prevalent problems of migration, and the promotion and adoption toward these of a truly Christian attitude."

"Essentially," it said, "the problem of migration is an international one, and consequently to be solved on the international level. For Catholics, the solution of the problem in general is to be found in the principles of natural law as laid down in Christian social and political doctrine."

"It is the duty of Catholics to use every endeavor in ensuring that these principles of natural law are respected by the enactments of positive national and international law."

Signing the statement were: Co-adjutor Archbishop Patrick M. O'Donnell of Brisbane, Archbishop Eril Michael O'Brien of Canberra and Goulburn; and Bishops Patrick J. Farrelly of Lismore, Patrick F. Lyons of Sale, Andrew G. Tynan of Rockhampton, and James Carroll, Auxiliary to Norman Cardinal Gilroy, Archbishop of Sydney.

But what has changed is the times and the conditions.

We are meeting these conditions as they are today and not what they were a year or so ago.

Our thinking today is reflected in what Supreme Venerable Gorrasi said last August in this matter:

"I want to make it clear that if and when any articles in newspapers or broadcasts tend to arouse racial antipathy either by malicious innuendos or direct or derogatory statements, the Order will assist to combat them with its full moral forces and material resources."

## Marshal Our Forces

We must marshal our forces to combat this bogey man, but we must do it without placing the Order in a vulnerable position. What we do calls for careful and considered planning. We must be logical and forget emotions.

We are merely sounding the call. There are many avenues open to us in this battle against a bogey man who is affecting lives of untold thousands of good citizens.

This bogey man must be shown up for what he really is — the creature of a peculiar segment of American life.

There are many ways in which this can be done.

But more important it **MUST BE DONE.**

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#### INSTALLATION AT SCHENECTADY, N. Y.

Mario Pacelli, left, newly elected Venerable of Schenectady Lodge No. 321, accepts gavel from outgoing Venerable, Mario Nicodemi.



#### PRINCIPALS AT TORRINGTON, CONN., DINNER

Attending the 51st anniversary dinner of Concordia Lodge No. 20, first lodge founded in Connecticut, were, seated, left to right, Venerable Michael Conforti Jr. Judge John L. Gerardo, toastmaster; the Rt. Rev. Msgr. William P. Botticelli, pastor of St. Peter's Church and recent recipient of the Grand Lodge Good Citizen Award; standing, left to right, Second Assistant Supreme Venerable Amedeo H. Volpe, Schenectady, N. Y., principal speaker; Mayor Anthony C. Gelormino and Supreme Trustee Anthony J. Toro.

#### Founded in 1908

#### Lodge Notes Anniversary

TORRINGTON, Conn. — Supreme and Grand Lodge officers joined with local civic leaders in paying tribute to Concordia Lodge No. 20 on its 51st anniversary at a dinner-dance held in the Sons of Italy Hall.

Second Assistant Supreme Venerable Amedeo H. Volpe, Schenectady, N. Y., was principal speaker.

Other speakers were Police Chief Angelo B. Buffa, Mayor Anthony C. Gelormino, the Rt. Rev. Msgr. William P. Botticelli, pastor of St. Peter's Church; Past Grand Venerable Anthony M. Tapogna, Hartford; Supreme Trustee Anthony J. Toro, and Venerable Michael Conforti, Jr.

Judge John L. Gerardo was toastmaster.

#### New York

### Mrs. Salerno Installed At Utica

UTICA, N. Y. — Officers of Adelaide Cairoli Lodge No. 294 were installed at a dinner meeting held in Grimaldi's Restaurant.

Mrs. Louis Mirabelli, grand trustee, and Mrs. Frank Garcia were installing officers.

Seated were, Mrs. Herman Salerno, venerable; Mrs. Frank Vatalaro, assistant venerable; Mrs. Anthony Longretta, ex-venerable; Miss Connie Beratta, orator; Miss Antoinette Daly, recording secretary; Mrs. John Assaro, financial secretary; Mrs. John DeFazio, corresponding secretary; Mrs. Joseph Zambino, treasurer; Mrs. Marino Longo, mortuary fund treasurer; Mrs. Pat Pavia, Mrs. Fred Franz, Mrs. Josephine Assaro, Mrs. Dick Clemente, Mrs. Louis Clemente, trustees; Mrs. Michael Fanelli and Mrs. Carol Salvatore, masters of ceremony; Mrs. Dick Rosato, sentinel.

Mrs. Leo Lina and Mrs. Mirabella were named publicity chairmen.

Gold pins were presented to Past Venerable Mrs. Esther Perry, Mrs. Mirabelli and Mrs. Longretta.

Pins also were presented to the following charter members: Mrs. Joseph Bianco, Mrs. Vincent Mazzei, Mrs. Rose LaBella, Mrs. Maria Stagliano and Mrs. Vincenza Daniels.

#### 2 Lodges Install At Schenectady

SCHENECTADY, N. Y. — Second Assistant Supreme Venerable Amedeo H. Volpe was principal speaker at the joint installation ceremonies sponsored by Schenectady Lodge No. 321 and Cornelia Lodge No. 1890.

Grand Financial Secretary Constantino Frascia, Mechanicville, and Grand Deputy James DeFranco, Albany, were installing officers.

Mario Pacelli was installed Venerable of Schenectady Lodge. Other officers seated were, Arthur Pardi, assistant venerable; Mario Nicodemi, ex-venerable; Carmen Bell, orator; Henry Bozzi, financial secretary; Joseph DePaula, treasurer; John DePaula, Daniel Galli, Michael Pacelli, Stephen DeMasi, Joseph DeSarbo, trustees.



#### INSTALLED AT UTICA, N. Y.

Adelaide Cairoli Lodge officers installed were, seated, left to right, Mrs. Herman Salerno, venerable; Mrs. Frank Vatalaro, assistant venerable; standing, left to right, Mrs. John J. Assaro, financial secretary; Mrs. Joseph Zambino, treasurer, and Miss Connie Beratta, orator.



#### NEW YORK LODGE'S GIFT TO LIBRARY

Jean Stockdale, librarian at the Corning Public Library, places gift books on display presented by members of Marconi Lodge, No. 154. Lodge members looking on are, left to right, Michael M. Miller, organizer of the gift books campaign; Philip DePumpo, George Montopoli, Michael Christofino and Frank Picarazzi, secretary-treasurer.

#### Corning, N. Y.

### 70 Books Presented to Library

CORNING, N. Y. — Members of Marconi Lodge No. 154 have presented or pledged 70 books to the Corning Public Library. Mi-

chael M. Miller, chairman of the lodge's gift books committee, said the books include works on literature, art, science and education.

Miller said the books, most of which are on display at the library, are "intended to be a credit to our people while at the same time we bring before all the community the great contributions to America and the world by our ancestors and Americans of Italian descent."

Many of the books have been designated memorial volumes honoring former members of Marconi Lodge. Most of the books already are on display at the library.

The books range in scope from "Four Centuries of Italian-American History" by Giovanni Schiavo, to "Italy for the Beginners."

The committee, named by Past Venerable Paul Tammaro, includes, Frank Picarazzi, secretary-treasurer; Michael Christofino, George Montopoli, Atty. Philip DePumpo, Anthony S. Ruocco and Paul Tammaro.

#### MIAMI, FLA., LODGE 10TH ANNIVERSARY



Supreme and Grand Lodge officers joined with more than 700 persons in honoring Miami Lodge No. 1995 on its 10th anniversary at a dance and reception at the Roney Plaza Hotel, Miami Beach. Shown with the mammoth birthday cake are, left to right, Venerable Arthur De DiLallo and Past Venerables John Capuzello, Mario Furnari, Vincent Toscano, Ralph Comito, Peter Termini, Supreme Trustee Louis A. Fiorentino and Thomas Lawrence, founder of the lodge.



# Samuel A. Culotta Heads Grand Lodge

BALTIMORE, Md.—Atty. Samuel A. Culotta has been elected Grand Venerable at the 22nd biennial Maryland Grand Convention held in this city. He succeeds Vito A. Marino of Lutherville.

Supreme Financial Secretary Amerco A. DeMartinis, Philadelphia, and Supreme Recording Secretary Joseph A. L. Errigo, Wilmington, Del., installed the newly elected officers.



Seated were, Grand Venerable Culotta, Ex - Grand Venerable Marino, First Assistant Grand Venerable Roland Giacomelli, Second Assistant Grand Venerable Arnold Broccolino, Grand Orator Joseph Giordano, Grand Recording Secretary Guy Sardella, Grand Financial Secretary Tito Zappacosta, Grand Treasurer Francis Tarasco, and Grand Trustees Marion Nasco, Alfred Grue and Edward Vidali.

Vincent Flaccomio, Past Grand Venerable, and an active member of the Maryland Order since its formation in Baltimore in 1920, was commended for his service to the Order.

The 34-year-old head of the Maryland Grand Lodge is a former member of the Maryland House of Delegates. He has also served as administrative assistant to former Governor McKeldin and was an assistant general counsel to a Senate subcommittee formed to improve the Federal Criminal Code.

Grand Venerable Culotta is a former venerable of Lord Baltimore Lodge and has served the Grand Council as grand recording secretary.

A veteran of World War II, Brother Culotta served as a pharmacist's mate from 1942 to 1945 and participated in nine assault

invasions as a member of a Naval assault beach party. He was commended on two occasions during his 30-months' service in the Pacific.

He is a graduate of law, accounting and business administration. Brother Culotta is married to the former Mary Elizabeth Giordano; they have three children, Christopher, Judith Anne and Samuel Jr.



## REVERE, MASS., LODGES INSTALL

Seated, left to right, Ray Arigo, financial secretary; Olindo Ventola, grand trustee; Michael Bonanno, venerable; James Mariano, assistant venerable; James Messina, orator; standing, left to right, Anthony Abben Jr., Anthony Carrabes, and Frank Fiore Jr., trustees; Dewey Vacca, grand deputy; Carmine DiPietro, ex-venerable; Guy Arigo, recording secretary, and Anthony DeMarco, trustee.



Seated, left to right, Mrs. Vera Lamberghini, sentinel; Mrs. Emelia Cataldo, master of ceremony; Mrs. Josephine DelGreco, Mrs. Mary Carrabes and Miss Antonetta Jordan, trustees; standing, left to right, Mrs. Donata Bruno, recording secretary; Mrs. Antonette Moschella and Mrs. Ida Alberghini, trustee, Mrs. Lillian Mariano, venerable; Mrs. Josephine Rizzo, ex-venerable; Mrs. Vera Capano, treasurer, and Mrs. Mitzi Calo, orator.

## Belmont, Mass.

### Lodge Plans 2 Scholarships

BELMONT, Mass. — Grand Venerable John Guarino, East Boston, praised members of Maria Montesori Lodge No. 1744 for their scholarship program.

Brother Guarino, speaking at the installation ceremonies, stressed the need for greater activity in promoting scholarships so that more deserving students can be given assistance.

The Lodge's scholarship committee, headed by Mrs. Jennie Polcari, will award two \$150 grants to a boy and girl of Italian parentage at Belmont High School.

Officers seated were, Mrs. Santa Robbio, venerable; Mrs. Mary Archie, assistant venerable; Miss Catherine Sacca, ex-venerable; Mrs. Polcari, orator; Miss Marie Bortone, recording secretary; Mrs. Ann Bellanton, financial secretary; Mrs. Marion Scarfor, treasurer; Mrs. Jane Venuti, Mrs. Susan Petrino, Mrs. Angela Romeo, Mrs. Ida Maguire, Mrs. Dorothy Cellucci, trustees; Miss Mary Bonfiglio, Miss Josephine Arena, masters of ceremonies; and Miss Josephine Sacca, sergeant at arms.

### Miss Macaudo Awarded Two Grants

BELMONT, Mass. — Miss Lavinia Macaudo, a senior at Belmont High School, has been awarded two scholarships totaling \$500.

Miss Macaudo is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Phillip Macaudo. Her father is trustee of Boston Lodge No. 676.

She is the winner of the \$100 American Classical League Latin award and was granted a \$400 scholarship by Boston University.

A member of the National Honor Society at Belmont High School, Miss Macaudo will enter Boston University in September and will major in languages.

Brother Macaudo was recently honored at a dinner by friends and co-workers at Sears and Roebucks.



## Rhode Island 'Pioneer' Honored

### Maria Calabro Lodge Organized

NATICK, R. I. — A new lodge has been organized in the Rhode Island Order.

The new group will be known as the Maria Flavia Calabro Lodge, honoring one of the veteran members of the Rhode Island Order, Mrs. Maria Flavia Calabro, who recently passed away.

Mrs. Calabro had been Venerable of Gloria Ladies' Lodge No. 1098, Providence, for 25 years.

She was blessed for her charitable works by Pope Pius XI and Pope Pius XII.

For her work in behalf of Italy's war orphans, Mrs. Calabro was conferred the Dama of Grazia by the Cavaliers of Good

Works and was awarded the Lateran Cross.

The new group, sponsored by Giovanni da Verrazzano Lodge, is composed of wives, sisters and daughters of members of the sponsoring lodge.

Organizer of the new lodge is Nicola Della Cioppa, ex-venerable of Verrazano Lodge.

### Miss Pellegrini Now Dante School "Grad"

CONCORDVILLE, Pa. — After 11 years spent at the Grand Lodge's Dante School for Children, Madeleine Pellegrini, 18, ended her stay there when she was graduated last month from Bishop Shanahan High School, West Chester.

## Grand Venerable Guarino Speaker At Installation

REVERE, Mass. — Grand Venerable John Guarino, East Boston, was a speaker at joint installation ceremonies sponsored by Revere Men's Lodge and the Revere Ladies' Lodge in Giuseppe Mazzini Hall.

Grand Deputy Dewey Vacca was installing officer. He was assisted by Louis Engante, who served as herald.

Grand Council members attending were, Grand Trustee Olindo Ventola, Revere; Grand Trustee Mrs. Theresa Scanzani, Salem, and Grand Trustee Joseph A. Toscano, Worcester.



### LADIES LODGE FORMED IN NATICK, R. I.

Officers of Maria Flavia Calabro Lodge, seated, left to right, Rose Imbriglio, financial secretary; Irene Masciarelli, treasurer; Clara Gentile, venerable; Gemma Masciarelli, assistant venerable; Doris Donovan, secretary; standing, left to right, Barbara Masciarelli, Josephine Petrarca, trustees; Pauline Gentile, guard; Mary Imbriglio, grand delegate; Margaret Della Cioppa, master of ceremony; Frances Brunetti, trustee; Louis Senarchia, orator, and Mildred Amato, ex-venerable.

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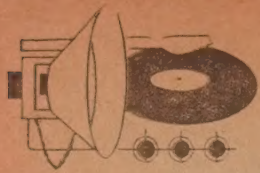
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## RECORDS IN REVIEW

By A. ALFRED MARCELLO

The collector who likes his opera in stereo has cause to rejoice. More and more of these two-channel albums are being recorded by the major companies. Production is still spotty, but it looks like the major record companies are getting over their reluctance of producing opera in stereo.



TEBALDI

London Records seem to be the top producer of opera in stereo. The London catalog offers a fairly varied selection. One of their most exciting releases of opera in stereo is Puccini's **MADAMA BUTTERFLY**. This is the complete opera on four discs. The recording was done in Italy and it features the singing of Renata Tebaldi. Make no mistake about this London production—other companies are going to have a tough time of bettering this one.

Supporting Tebaldi are Carlo Bergonzi as Pinkerton, Florenza Cossotto as Suzuki, and Enzo Sordello as Sharpless.

The incomparable Tullio Serafin is the conductor. This is the same array of talent that went into the making of the previous Tebaldi Butterfly by London in conventional hi-fi. But all resemblance ends here. The stereo version is so good that we believe that other record companies are going to find it difficult to match this one.

Tebaldi is magnificent and the sound is opulently rich. Tebaldi will enthrall you with her rendition of "Un bel di vedremo."

Carlo Bergonzi and the others are in fine voice and you'll hear some nice touches in sound such as a real cannon-shot when Pinkerton's ship is sighted and some delightful bird calls at the start of Act 3.

A most realistic and satisfying performance.

### MOZART OPERA IN STEREO

Several years ago London released a monophonic recording of Mozart's **LE NOZZE DI FIGARO** and everywhere this recording was hailed as a masterpiece. Now London has released a stereo version of this popular opera and the sound is so good that it is difficult to believe that you are actually listening to recorded music.



SIEPI

Stereo gives the illusion that the characters are spread out as they are on the opera stage. There is always that feeling of presence and depth.

London also has recorded the highlights of this opera. This album features the singing of Cesare Siepi, Hilde Gueden, Suzanne Danco and Lisa Della Casa, among others. We were intrigued no end by the sound and the fine singing of Siepi as Figaro, Danco as Cherubino and Gueden as Susanna.

### CARLO BERGONZI RECITAL

Those who like their operas in capsule form will derive a great deal of pleasure from the London disc **CARLO BERGONZI OPERA RECITAL**. Here are the favorite arias sung in "imitable fashion by Bergonzi. From Verdi's "Aida" there is Celeste Aida, from Puccini's "Tosca" there is Recondita armonia; E lucevan le stelle; and from "L'Africana" the aria from Act 2, O Paradiso.

Other arias, all sung in fine

style, are from "La Forza Del Destino"; "Un Ballo In Maschera" and "Il Trovatore."

### WAGNER OPERAS

And those who like operas by Wagner will find George London's recording **WAGNER, GREAT SCENES FOR BASS-BARITONE**, excellent entertainment. London sings four solos with warmth, clear diction and fine interpretive style. No question that this recording from the London hopper is right up George London's alley and he makes the most of it.

The Vienna Philharmonic Orchestra under Hans Knappertsbusch's baton gives a first rate performance.

### ROUTINE CHOPIN

We didn't think it could happen but it has. London Records has actually turned out a performance in stereo bordering on the routine. How it happened we don't know, but we do know that the talented pianist, Wilhelm Kempff, gives as undistinguished a performance as we have ever heard of Chopin music in three discs in which Kempff is heard playing a good cross-section of the Polish master's music.

Kempff somehow just doesn't make it; it is difficult to understand how a pianist of Kempff's stature could give such an undistinguished interpretation of Chopin.

### PORGY AND BESS

There has been quite a rash of recordings lately of Gershwin's **PORGY AND BESS**, but for the most they are not Gershwin at all.

One recording, however, which towers over the whole lot of discs coming off the presses of the major recording companies is Columbia's original sound track recording from the Samuel Goldwyn motion picture production of Gershwin's opera.

We heard the monophonic version with a star-studded cast as Sidney Poitier, Dorothy Dandridge and Pearl Bailey. The sound is really good. The singing, of course, leaves very little to be desired.

In this recording are the unforgettable Summertime, "A Woman is a Sometime Thing. It Ain't Necessarily So, I Loves You Porgy.

All in all an excellent production of a great folk opera.

## CAPSULE REVIEW

We don't know how they do it but the **DUKES OF DIXIELAND** have come up with Volume 9 of Jazz music for Audio Fidelity. Here is "blues" music at its best. Frank Assunto and his boys really do it up brown with such selections as Mississippi Mud, Beale Street Blues, St. Louis Blues, Old Man River, Down by the Old Mill Stream and other nostalgic gems. Jazz at its best.

Felsted's **A NIGHT AT THE BOULEVARD** is possibly one of the most unusual monophonic recordings to come our way in recent months.

This recording gives the listener the illusion he is actually sitting at a table in a night club. The sound is tops and the performances of the orchestra and singers good.

Singers Kathy Linden, Tommy Mara, Terri Stevens, among others, do a first rate job backed up by Joe Leahy and his Orchestra.

Grand Award definitely scores with the new disc **HAMMOND ORGAN SPECTACULAR**. This one features the Hammond organ, the accordion, guitar and bass. They all seem to blend nicely.

This monophonic record features such tuneful selections as Temptation, After You've Gone, Pennies From Heaven, Hindustan and Till the End of Time.

The Musette, that distinctive accordion so popular in Europe, is featured in Felsted's monophonic release **MUSETTE CATCH**. We don't quite understand the title, but don't let that deter you from buying this disc. The sound is exquisite and Robert Trabucco and his group play a dozen or so tuneful melodies with excellent results.

Haffter's **SINFONIETTA** by London has all the necessary ingredients for solid entertainment. This stereo recording is especially noteworthy since it was the last record to be made by the Spanish conductor, Ataulfo Argenta before his death.

London does not have a better engineered album in its impressive catalog.

Vox has a delightful recording in the stereo release **VIVALDI: FOUR BASSOON CONCERTOS**. The capable soloist in this disc is Virginio Bianchi. Piero Santi conducts a Milanese chamber ensemble with pleasant results.

### Patronato Lodge Installs Officers In Toronto, Ont.

TORONTO, Ont. — Enrico Carfagnini has been installed Venerable of Patronato Lodge No. 15.

Other officers are, Cesare Nini, assistant venerable; Sigismondo Zonni, ex-venerable; Vincent Farano, orator; Pasquale Pecchia, recording secretary; Fedele Grittani, financial secretary; Guglielmo Faiola, treasurer; Joseph Angelotti, Michael Tassiello, Vincent Dellibenedetti, Aurelio Pecchia, Enzo Luceri, trustees; Giacomo Loparco, Ernesto Fera, masters of ceremonies; Roland Grittani, sentinel.

## From The Pages of OSIA NEWS

# The Order In Review

### TEN YEARS AGO—1949

Cornerstone laying ceremonies were conducted at the site of the Order's proposed memorial Orphanage at Cassino, Italy.

The Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania made preparations to conduct a 42-day "Good Will Tour to Italy."

The Connecticut Grand Lodge, meeting in Grand Convention at Hartford, called upon members of Congress from the Nutmeg State to work for the return of Italy's pre-war African colonies.

Atty. Anthony M. Tapogna, Grand Venerable of the Connecticut Order, attended the Second World Health Conference held in Rome.

Massachusetts members attended a state-wide communion breakfast held in the auditorium of St. Anthony's Church in Revere. The Rev. Fr. Albert A. Jacobbe, pastor of Our Lady of Pompei Church, Boston, was principal speaker.

### FIVE YEARS AGO—1954

The Order Sons of Italy in America continued its efforts to bring about a just solution in the Trieste problem. Supreme Venerable Spatzuzza urged all Grand Venerables to write Ambassador Henry Cabot Lodge at the United Nations to have the Trieste issue brought before the Security Council.

John Clotti was re-elected Grand Venerable by acclamation at the 15th biennial convention of the Delaware Grand Lodge held in Wilmington.

Assistant Grand Venerable John Guarino, East Boston, Mass., was named chairman of the Boston Columbus Day Celebration.

Nicholas Rossi, newly appointed Chief of Police in Mansfield, Mass., was honored at a dinner. Grand Venerable Joseph B. Silverio was principal speaker.

Assistant Grand Venerable Americo V. Cortese, Philadelphia, Pa., was principal speaker at a showing of the Cassino film, "Surge et Age," held at the Ritz Theater in Wilmington, Del. Proceeds were \$681.



CORTESE

### Clarksburg, W. Va.

## "Mother of Year" Award

CLARKSBURG, W. Va.—Mrs. Filomena Romano, named "Mother of the Year," was honored at a Mother's Day banquet sponsored by William Marcont Lodge No. 1140.

Mrs. Romano and her husband, Anthony Romano, are active members of the lodge.

The Rev. Fr. Alvin Manni, a Salesian priest of the Order of Don Bosco, and a teacher at the Don Bosco Agricultural School, Huttonsville, was principal speaker.

Father Manni, paying tribute to all mothers, said the "mother is the heart of every home and that religion is the very foundation of a home."

Other speakers included Grand Venerable Viani and Venerable Anthony Fratto. Grand Recording Secretary Mrs. Catherine Minehart was toastmaster.

Among the Grand Lodge officers attending were, Grand Financial Secretary John Julian, Grand Trustee Frank Lopez, Grand Deputy Ralph Felix, Grand Deputy Carmen Urso and Louis Costa, president, FUM.

The committee: Mrs. Rita Basile, Mrs. Rose Costa, Mrs. Ralph Felix, Mrs. Rose Rosata, Mrs. Josie Minutelli, Mrs. Rose Lopez, Mrs. Mary Secreto, Mrs. Rose Secreto, Miss Mary Lou Secreto, Miss Barbara Marra and Miss Ann Christafore.

### Ashtabula, Ohio

## Turano Heads Fermi Lodge

ASHTABULA, Ohio — Egidio Turano was installed Venerable of Enrico Fermi Lodge No. 1434 at ceremonies held in the lodge quarters.

Installing officers were, Assistant Grand Venerable Louis L. Turano, Grand Deputy Joseph Battalini, Grand Trustee Jerry Trionzi and Grand Trustee Anthony Tullino.

Other officers seated were, Nicholas Vacca, assistant venerable; Andrew Foglio, orator; Thomas A. Vacca, recording secretary; Nicholas Petronio, finan-

cial secretary; Anthony Passella, treasurer; Raymond DePiero, Francis Noce, Olindo Guarino, Eugene Vacca, John Tullino, trustees; Joseph Paren and Nicholas Cantagallo, masters of ceremony; Peter Azzano, sentinel.

Speakers at a banquet held following the installation were, Grand Recording Secretary Gilbert Martello, Venerable Turano and Past Venerable Thomas Vacca. Clayton Casimi was toastmaster, and Frank Lagoni was general chairman.



# Vacation and Religion

By RT. REV. MSGR. GUIDO L. PALLOTTA

During this delightful season everyone who can will take a vacation from whatever occupies him the rest of the year. While a vacation from work, business or school is permissible, even desirable, we must remember that there must never be a vacation from religion.

The obligations that religion places upon us are part and parcel of our very beings; they accompany us into every phase of our life, even vacations. Religion is not like a cloak to be put on or taken off at will, or to be practised only when it suits our convenience or advantage. It is an ever-existing duty we owe to God, for the good of our souls, and that of our neighbors.

The purpose of a vacation is to relax our nerves, renew our bodily strength, and achieve peace of mind, so that we may face the burdens of life with new vigor and zest. A person who neglects his religion during vacation defeats this purpose. He does not have the "mens sana in corpore sano" (the healthy mind in the healthy body), because his conscience is disturbed, and a disturbed conscience interferes with the healthy body processes. His vacation is ruined regardless of the number of so called "good times" he may have.

A happy vacation is one in which you will not take a vacation from your religion.



FR. PALLOTTA

## "Wearing of The Purple"

### A Song is Published

A song "Wearing of the Purple" has been published by Frank Padula of Chicago, a member of the Illinois Order.

A copy of the song was sent by Brother Padula to A. Alfred Marcello, Chairman of the Order's National Committee on Public Relations and Director of OSIA NEWS.

In a letter to Brother Marcello, the Chicago member said he was inspired to write both the lyrics and music by an article which appeared in the February issue of OSIA NEWS. This article told of a member of the Pennsylvania Order, Miss Helen Vargon of South Heights, Pa., writing the lyrics for a "Wearing of the Purple" song.

Brother Padula in his letter states that his song is in the form of a hymn and is not for dancing.

In April Illinois Grand Trustee Dominic M. Alberti, a Chicago musician and orchestra conductor, wrote the Chairman of the Public Relations Committee, that he was working on the music for Miss Vargon's lyrics.

Brother Marcello, in his capacity as Public Relations Chairman for the Order, issued the following statement regarding Brother Padula's song:

"We wish to commend Brother Padula for his enterprise in conceiving a song for 'Wearing of the Purple.' We also wish to commend others who have similar ideas in mind because it demonstrates in no uncertain terms that the project 'Wearing of the

Purple' is catching on throughout the United States.

"It was inevitable, of course, that members and others would channel their efforts into the making of such a song. But we wish to make it clear that the Chairman of the Public Relations Committee has no authority to designate any song so conceived as the official song of the Order. This sanction can only be given by the Supreme Lodge.

"Because of the widespread interest in a 'Wearing of the Purple' song, the Public Relations Committee has under consideration a plan to bring about Supreme Lodge approval of an official song, but all plans are in the nebulous stage.

"Under no circumstances, however, do we want to discourage anyone from writing songs exploiting the 'Wearing of the Purple' on Columbus Day. Anyone who wishes to compose such a song should do so, but it should be understood that whatever is done along these lines no official approval can be given until such time as a definite program is set up with the advice and consent of the Supreme Council.

# Challenge of the Declaration

(On the Fourth of July we celebrate the 183rd anniversary of the Declaration of Independence. Below we carry the views of an Italian emigrant, Peter T. Campon, a member of the Order in Binghamton, N. Y., who presents the Declaration of Independence as a challenge to every American to make our world a better place to live in.—Editor).

On July 4, we commemorate the 183rd anniversary of a great epoch making event in the history of the world, when a group of courageous men, with Destiny itself presiding, adopted a remarkable document as a protest and a challenge to a tyrannical form of government, and by virtue of the inevitable and successful struggle to attain the independence declared, we are living in a wonderful country, abounding in opportunity, equality, liberty and justice—a country in which any human being of whatever station in life, may walk straight with head erect, in God's sunlight, without rancor, without distrust or without fear.

The discovery and settlement of America did much for the ideal of democracy. Indeed it is doubtful if this ideal could have been possible elsewhere had not America been discovered. The promise of freedom in the far away land; the sense that somewhere there could be independence for the common man, made common men everywhere more independent; and it was from that phenomena of thought, that awakening of initiative and self expression, that emerged the Declaration of Independence which gave birth to our ideals and our great nation.

The Declaration of Independence was the first solemn declaration of the only legitimate foundation of civil government by men. It was the cornerstone of a new structure destined to abolish all governments founded upon conquest and subjection and swept away the rubbish of accumulated centuries of servitude to tyrants and to tyranny.

## Its True Meaning

And we, enjoying the fruition of that Declaration, do we ever stop to think what it has meant to us in the 183 years since its adoption, what it means to us in the present and in the future?

After all, it is a mere single sheet of parchment paper closely written on in antique script.

It is enshrined in a glass cabinet with golden doors.

People softly walk around it, and stand in hushed reverence before it.

The document is yellow with age.

The flaming men who signed it have laid in a century of dust.

The words they adopted are old, but today, as in 1776, they are the words of freedom — a beacon light of hope to all humanity, particularly in these days of world turmoil.

Most everyone knows how it begins — "When in the course of human events," but how many of us remember how it ends—"And in the support of this declaration, with firm reliance on Divine Protection, we mutually pledge to each other, our lives, our fortunes and our sacred honor."



CAMPON

Is that a challenge to the Americans of the present day?

Yes, that is a challenge to any man with a clear eye, a stout heart and a strong faith. A challenge to any man or woman of good will with some understanding and full appreciation of the blessings and privileges that are ours because of that Declaration.

## Faith in God and Country

If we are to preserve our Democratic form of government, we must simply and sincerely believe—but not in smugness or complacency—that the qualities which have borne America through the storms of the past will just as surely prevail against all storms of the present and of the future; and, the late President Roosevelt has said, "The state of this nation is good; the heart of this nation is sound; the spirit of this nation is strong; the faith of this nation is eternal."

And in these days of unbelievable chaos and confusion, let us hold fast to faith. Faith in ourselves; faith in Divine assistance; faith in our nation; faith in our American way of life.

Americans who think and serve alike, possess a unity of interest which transcends all artificial barriers of Race or Creed, therefore in our world's present great confusion, let us resolve to improve our own individual selves. To better know and help our fellow men: To prove tolerant, sympathetic and neighborly: To make our community and nation better known and loved: To leave something of ourselves in everything we do: To try our best to be our best and to do our best in all things and at all times.

## The Answer to the Challenge

There then is the answer to the challenge!

The task before us may not be an easy one, but it is not impossible of achievement. With minds attuned to each other's thinking, with hearts beating in unison for the common cause, there is no goal or no ideal too lofty of attainment; but one thing is absolutely necessary — it all depends on you, and you, and all of us, and is best exemplified by adherence to these few old, but ever new phrases, as enunciated in the Declaration of Independence and the Bill of Rights. "That all men are created equal; that they are endowed by their Creator with certain inalienable rights; that among these are life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness." To truly believe in social freedom; educational freedom; religious freedom and freedom of the press; that this freedom is a right of all men because of their rational nature and exists prior to the formation of any government; that governments are instituted to protect men in these God given and natural rights; to fully recognize these rights, to be proud of them, and to fight for them, as our boys have so valiantly done for us in the recent wars.

The Declaration of Independence and subsequent Constitution gave us a governmental system that we know is good. It has its faults in operation but these faults are being corrected through our experience as we advance toward unknown horizons.

However, none of the faults can be traced to the structure itself, but to the frailty of human nature and selfishness and greed of individuals.

The fundamental principles have been proven to be the best experiment in self-government for everyone's welfare, and that in our American system, we have the best instrument for human freedom, progress, prosperity, and happiness yet devised and tried by men.

# PARTICIPATION IS IMPORTANT

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lend moral support to your delegates.

Our Supreme Venerable, Joseph Gorrasi of Woburn, Mass., for the past several years has been hammering away at the theme of having members think and talk in terms of the Order as a national organization.

The OSIA NEWS has been the medium to acquaint you with the work of the Order on a national and international scale. The Order's national publication has done everything possible to bring you the "big picture" of the Order in action.

Supreme Venerable Gorrasi has

also advanced a second theme: that of mass participation by members at functions on the Supreme Lodge level.

## No Substitute

These two ideas go hand in hand. But, while OSIA NEWS has been the motivating force to bring you the full picture of the Order, it cannot substitute for your actual presence at these Supreme Lodge functions.

We must say here that since the idea of mass participation was advanced, it has proven successful. The many members who have attended Supreme Lodge functions as spectators in the past two years have come away with a deeper understanding of the Order.

The Massachusetts Grand Lodge, hosts for the August convention, has planned an interesting number of social activities.

The outstanding social event of the five-day meet, is the convention banquet. This year the Supreme Lodge will present its highest honor, the Guglielmo Marconi Award to an outstanding recipient at the banquet.

Also included in the social events will be luncheons, an informal dance, a clambake, a tour of the Don Orione Home for the Aged in East Boston, a memorial mass at St. Anthony's Church in Revere, and a tour of the historical sights of Boston and the greater Boston colleges.

These social activities are necessary to any convention. They

are a relaxation from the business side of the convention and they provide an opportunity to renew acquaintances and to make new friends in a true spirit of brotherhood.

They provide YOU, the "spectator participant," the opportunity of meeting and chatting with your Supreme Lodge officers, the Supreme Delegates and your fellow members from the various parts of the United States and Canada.

Why not avail yourself of the opportunity of attending the Supreme Convention as a "spectator participant." Understandably, you will not have an active voice in the business of the convention, but you certainly can lend moral support in making it a successful convention.

Why not plan your vacation so that it will include the Supreme Convention. Listen to the Order in action. And too, don't fail to attend the social functions. It will be a fruitful trip... one that you can take back with you to your lodge.

## For Information

For those of you who are planning to attend, you can write for information concerning reservations, etc., to:

Order Sons of Italy in America  
Grand Lodge of Massachusetts  
Grand Recording Secretary  
Miss Sophie E. Gorrasi  
24 Province Street  
Boston 8, Mass.  
See you at the Supreme Lodge Convention.



# Forte, Calabrese Honored By Italian Government

Two prominent members of the Order Sons of Italy in America have been conferred the Order of Merit, with the rank of Commander, by the Republic of Italy.

Judge Felix Forte, Somerville, Mass., Past Supreme Venerable, was presented the citation by Italian Consul General Dr. Alfredo Trinchieri, at ceremonies held in Boston.



State Sen. Anthony O. Calabrese, Cleveland, Grand Venerable of the Ohio Order, was presented the award by Italian Consul Francesco Mezzalana.

Judge Forte, who served as Supreme Venerable from 1940 to 1947, was made a Cavalier of the Crown of Italy prior to World War II. He is also the holder of the Star of Solidarity, granted by the Republic of Italy after the war, and is a Knight of Malta.

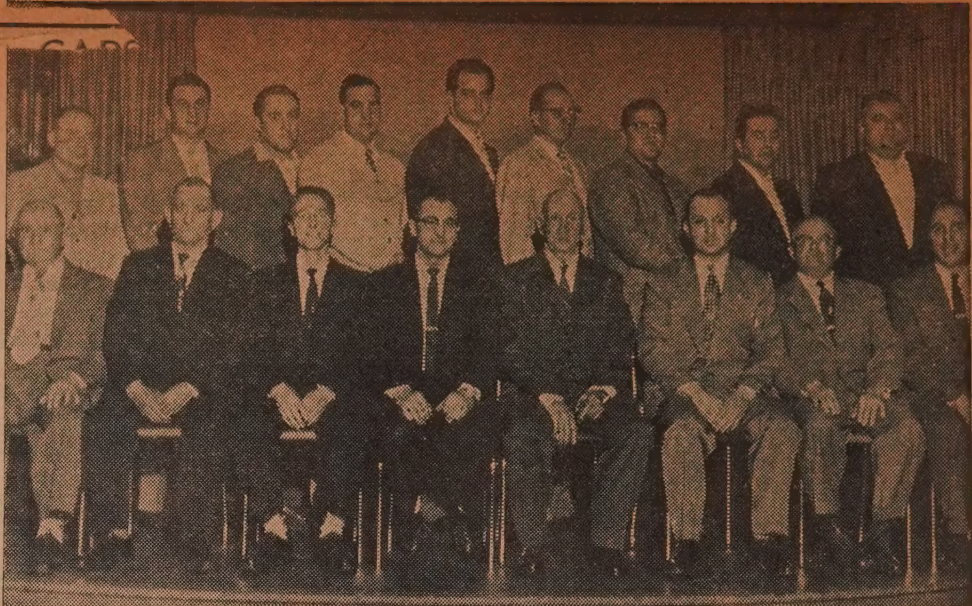


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CALABRESE

Brother Calabrese has served as Grand Venerable of the Ohio Order since 1957. He has also served as Assistant Grand Venerable. He will be honored at a banquet to be held in the near future. Plans are incomplete.

Judge Forte was further honored last month when he received an alumni service award from Boston University given in recognition of his "invaluable counsel to students, leadership in alumni affairs and the great credit he has reflected upon the School of Law and the University."



NEW OFFICERS AT LOCK HAVEN, PA.

The initiation of a class of 37 new members highlighted the installation and dinner conducted by Giose Carducci Lodge No. 146 of Lock Haven. New officers above, are, seated, left to right, Domenico Michael, Trustee; Alphonse Christopher, master of ceremony; Rocco Verille, financial secretary; Charles Bonadio, venerable; Carmine Caruso, guard; Frank Grand, treasurer; James Sementelli, trustee; Grand Deputy Benjamin Rampulla, installing officer of Williamsport; standing, left to right, Grand Trustee Gerard S. Caprio, Anthony Christopher, trustee; Veto Sachetti, orator; Warren Crissman, trustee; Michael Caprio, trustee; Francis Montarsi, recording secretary; Angelo Caprio, assistant venerable; Michael Bonadio, trustee, and Leonard Caprio, ex-venerable. The lodge honored its seven remaining charter members at a dinner held following the installation.

## Pennsylvania

### Districts 15-18 Plan Outing August 30th

AMBRIDGE, Pa. — Representatives of the 52 lodges in Districts 15-18 attended a meeting of the general committee for the August 30th American-Italian Day to be held at the Rainbow Gardens in McKeesport.

Highlight of the annual day-long event will be the selection of a Miss Sons of Italy. The deadline for names is July 12.

The winner of the Miss Sons of Italy contest will be awarded \$200. Prize for the first runner-up will be \$50 and the second runner-up will receive \$25.

Paul Schullo of Pittsburgh, general chairman, presided.

Other highlights of the outing will include dancing, speakers, entertainment and fireworks.

Prizes to be awarded will be, a \$1000 savings bond, first prize; \$500 savings bond, second prize; \$200 savings bond, third prize, and a \$100 savings bond, fourth prize.



JOHNSTOWN, PA., LODGE ELECTS OFFICERS

Officers of Johnstown Lodge No. 1614, seated, left to right, Pasquale Altomare, financial secretary; Joseph Mirabella, recording secretary; Salvatore Andolissa, assistant venerable; Teodoro Magistro, venerable; Salvatore A. Marrocco, ex-venerable; Philip Magistro, treasurer; Peter Aliberto, orator; standing, left to right, Angelo Marchi, Antonio Arcidiaco, Giacomo Lenzi, Salvatore Brunetto, trustees; Rosario Trovato, sentinel; Carmelo Trovato, master of ceremony, and Carmelo Magistro, trustee. Joseph Di-Bartolo, master of ceremony, absent when picture was taken.

### Vandergrift Lodge Burns Mortgage

VANDERGRIFF, Pa.—Burning of a \$43,000 mortgage by Vandergrift Lodge highlighted a dinner given by the lodge honoring Venerable Joseph Areritano. Assistant Grand Venerable Americo V. Cortese was principal speaker.

### Mrs. Joseph Palermo Passes in Ambler, Pa.

AMBLER Pa. — Mrs. Florence Palermo, 46, wife of Supreme Orator Joseph C. Palermo, died last month after a long illness.

Mrs. Palermo had been a member of Ruggero Bonghi Lodge since 1950.

### Cernuto Named To Torrance Hospital Board

MT. PLEASANT, Pa. — Supreme Treasurer Joseph Cernuto has been named to the board of trustees of Torrance State Hospital by Gov. David L. Lawrence.

Brother Cernuto, a member of the Pennsylvania Order since 1918, has served as a member of the Supreme Council for the past 20 years.

He was elected Supreme Trustee in 1939 and served in that capacity until 1949 when he was elected to the office of Supreme Treasurer.

Active in civic and political circles, Brother Cernuto is the head of C. & C. Manufacturing and Builders' Supply Co.



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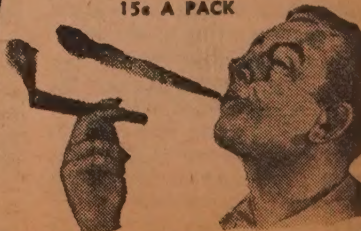
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